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8.	The Railways should, in the next three years, switch to a computer-based test package for both psycho-test administration and evaluation. In this connection, we would suggest that a multi-disciplinary team of Railway Officers should visit the psycho-testing centres and advanced Railway systems such as SNCF, France, and Virgin Railway Company, UK.	It is proposed to implement to suggestion as may be accepted by the Government.

C.A.G's Report on Safety Related Scandal in the Railways

530. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) has in its report unmasked a safety-related scandal causing an avoidable loss of Rs. 150 crores to the Government exchequer;

(b) if so, the details of the scam identified by the CAG;

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to deal with the scam and recover the huge loss sustained by the Railways; and

(d) the reasons for keeping the scam under the wraps for a period of two years, till the CAG's report came with the revealations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) Report No. 9 of 1999 pertaining to Union Government (Railways) for the year ended march, 1998 submitted by the C & AG to the Parliament in October, 1999 includes a chapter on safety performance of Indian Railways. No safety-related scandal causing avoidable loss of Rs. 150 crores to the Government exchequer has been mentioned therein.

Delay in Research for Aids Vaccine

531.SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a crucial research by the National Institute of Immunology, in understanding and prediciting immune responses to disease noroubes, aimed at inventing an effective AIDS vaccine, had been held up for over nine months, but for the delay in import of laboratory-bred transgenic mice; and

(b) if so, the extent of delay suffered and the reasons for the delay in granting permission for import and actual import of the mice?